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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 1498 SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC FEB 27.

QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 1498

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E.O. 11652: GDSD

TAGS: MASS, EG, US

SUBJECT: F-5 PROGRAM: FUNDING

REF: STATE 047665, STATE 046760

1. WE BELIEVE IT PROBABLE THAT SAG WILL PICK UP THE TAB
FOR EGYPTIAN F-5 PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH SAG MAY ATTEMPT TO
SHARE THE COST WITH OTHER ARAB OIL EXPORTING STATES,
PARTICULARLY KUWAIT AND THE UAE. SAUDIS MIGHT DECIDE TO
TRY TO EXTEND CODE TYPE ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE MILITARY

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SUPPORT FOR EGYPT.

2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HEAVY CASH OUTLAYS FOR
SOMALIA HAVE CREATED TEMPORARY CASH FLOW PROBLEM FOR SAUDIS,
ALTHOUGH THIS PROBLEM IS MORE PSYCHOLOGICAL THAN REAL IN
VIEW OF THEIR MASSIVE AND LIQUID FOREIGN RESERVES.

3. IN NEGOTIATING TERMS OF SALE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING
TIMELY PAYMENTS FROM SAG OR OTHER DONORS. WHILE SAUDIS
CAN BE RELIED UPON ULTIMATELY TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENTS,
THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDSNPAYMENT DEADLINES IS, TO SAY THE
LEAST, CASUAL. RECOMMEND WE INSIST ON STRICT CASH AND
CARRY BASIS FOR EGYPTIAN F-5 PROGRAM. BEST ARRANGEMENT
FOR BOTH EGYPTIANS AND U.S. WOULD BE ESTABLISHMENT OF
TRUST FUND BY SAUDIS AND POSSIBLY OTHER DONOR NOTIONS.
FUND COULD BE CHARGED WITH PAYMENTS WHEN DUE AND
THUS AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION OF PROGRAM.
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